

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4759

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COLLAPSE OF NORTHERN GRID

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

- (a) whether tripping of power supply lines of the Northern Grid caused blackouts in several parts of the country recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has set up any Committee to find the reasons behind it;
- (d) if so, whether the Committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (e) if so, the main recommendations made by the Committee in the report; and
- (f) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : A number of high voltage power transmission lines tripped from 7th to 9th March, 2008 affecting supply of power in isolated parts of Northern Region on 7th and 9th March 2008. The tripping of transmission lines lead to backing down in generating stations and interruption of power supply in parts of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir as well as Railways.

(c) to (f) : A committee has been set up by the Central Electricity Authority on 13th March, 2008 to inquire into the above incidences. The report is to be submitted by the Committee within two months.